

## AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT AT BAZAAR

Veterans Appearing in Uniform to Be Admitted Free at Armory

### POSTS IN CITY ARE ACTIVE

Any member of the American Legion in Philadelphia who appears in uniform tonight at the bazaar of the Veterans Corps, First Regiment, at the Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, will be admitted free.

This announcement was made today by David B. Simpson, commander of Post No. 315, who declared that it is the desire of the Veterans Corps to attract as many as possible of the uniformed members of the Legion.

It will be "American Legion Night" at the Armory. Invitations have been sent to post commanders of the Legion throughout the city to have their members turn out in large numbers.

The First Pennsylvania fighting with the 106th as a part of the Twenty-eighth Division, which hurled back the Germans at the battle of the Marne, will reunite, and its body of veterans, known as the Walter M. Gearty Post No. 315, will be presented with an American flag and an American Legion flag by the Veterans Corps.

The bazaar will be halted temporarily to allow Major General James W. Latta, National Guard of Pennsylvania, retired, to make the presentation. The acceptance will be made by Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Meelan, of the 106th Infantry. A dance of legionaires will follow, at which music will be given by the 106th Infantry Orchestra.

The following invitation was received today by George Wentworth Carr, county chairman, from the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution.

"It gives me great pleasure to invite, in the name of the board of di-

rectors of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, the state and county officers, and the commander of each post of the American Legion in Philadelphia county to the thirty-first annual church service of the society, to be held this year in St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, on Tenth street above Chestnut, Sunday, December 14, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The invitation comes from Clarence Payne Franklin, chairman of the committee, and contains a request to guests to arrive at 3:30 o'clock.

Post No. 183, which is comprised principally of members of the gas defense service, has been named the David W. Jameson Post. Mr. Jameson died from the effects of gas in January, 1918, while in service with the Philadelphia branch of the gas defense service. The officers elected by this post are as follows:

Louis S. Potsdamer, commander; Frank J. Bowden, vice commander; Morton A. Netter, adjutant; Thomas J. Hurley, Jr., finance officer; Jacob R. Balta, Arthur J. Boyer, Robert A. McMichael, G. L. Winieland and Bertram K. Wolfe, executive committee.

A meeting was held yesterday of the representatives of welfare and service men's organizations at the headquarters of the home service section of the Red Cross, 1907 Walnut street, to perfect plans for the war risk insurance revival campaign in January. Meeting places were determined upon, and it now remains to fix the date. The Legion is represented in these conferences by Vincent A. Carroll, of Post No. 270, who will direct the campaign.

Representing all of the posts of the American Legion in this city, a special committee met last night at the Adelphi Hotel with representatives of the Philadelphia tuberculosis committee and completed arrangements for local Legion aid in the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign. Frank W. Melvin presided.

Post 196, American Legion, has elected the following officers for the year 1920: Commander, Daniel A. Gartland; vice commander, Frank A. Cian-domenico; adjutant, John A. Martin; finance officer, John J. Henry; historian, Joseph Clark; delegate to the county committee, Daniel A. Gartland; and executive committee, John J. Fitzpatrick, Harry A. Summers, Thomas J. Feeney, John Hutchinson and John P. McCotter.

## DOUBTS ANY ACTION ON JUDGE ROGERS

Legion's State Head Says Move Is Unlikely—Alleged Slur Is Denied

### MANY POSTS ARE AROUSED

George F. Tyler, state commander of the American Legion, when asked today if the state organization would take action in the charge against Judge Joseph P. Rogers, of Quarter Sessions Court, who is alleged to have spoken contemptuously of drafted men, expressed doubt that the Legion would take up the dispute.

"I have just returned to the city," he said, "and have talked to no one about this matter. I do not know what is being done or what is not being done. But I doubt that the Legion will act, as it seems the utterance in question is denied."

The judge on Tuesday recalled Harry Brick, 912 South Fifth street, a witness who had testified against a no-homes man in Quarter Sessions Court. The witness was asked if he was a drafted man.

"There were 4,500,000 of you and I have no use for you," is the remark attributed to Judge Rogers.

Brick, however, did not hear Judge Rogers use this expression. He says the judge asked: "You were drafted, weren't you?" and on receiving an affirmative answer, observed: "Oh, I thought so."

Brick says that Judge Rogers aided something as the witness walked away, but Brick didn't hear the words.

Despite Mr. Tyler's belief that the Legion, as a body, will not take up the dispute, individual posts are expressing indignation. Post No. 37, meeting last night at 2032 North Thirtieth street, demanded a public apology.

"If Judge Rogers has been properly quoted, his remark is not only an insult to several hundred thousand former sol-

diers in this state, but also shows a surprising lack of knowledge of the needs and desires of the government in raising the army," said William G. Murdoch, state adjutant of the Legion. Mr. Murdoch served as major and state draft officer.

He asserted that if the judge made the remark attributed to him it was uncalculated for and stamps him as "a man of such temperament as to be unfit for judicial duties."

Judge Rogers denied making the remark.

"Bats, Bunk," he at first replied when questioned.

Finally he said, "You can say for me that it is a plain, distorted lie. You can say for me that there is absolutely no truth in it."

### DRIVER HELD IN BOY'S DEATH

Man Who Ran Over Child Will Have to Face Coroner

Daniel Hays, a truck driver, 936 Beach street, was held without bail for the coroner by Magistrate Baker today because of the death of William Baird, thirteen years old, of 1220 Dudley street, who was run over by Hays's car.

The boy was running in McKean street, near Nineteenth, when he saw the truck. He was running so fast, it is said, that he could not stop in time and was crushed. Hays is said to have tried to stop his car, but was unable to bring the vehicle to a halt before it struck the boy.

### MAY MOVE LIFE STATION

Inquiry Shows Point Where Phila. Boys Were Lost Is Unseen by Guards

Location of the coast guard station at Longport, N. J., near which Raymond Izard and John Ledbetter, two Philadelphia boys, perished in an open boat, may be changed.

Investigation as to conditions around the station was made by Captain Randolph Ridgely, chief inspector of coast guard stations, and today he sent a report to Washington.

It is understood that he suggested the advisability of changing location of the station. At its present location the view of the lookout from the station is obscured by several buildings. An open view of the sea would be a great aid to the guards in preventing accidents.

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